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PATENT APPLICATION

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A dog kennel for use with a truck cap mounted atop a pickup truck bed having a pair of opposed side rails, said dog kennel comprising:

a first floor panel connected to a second floor panel for pivotal movement relative thereto, said first and second floor panels being movable between a planar extended configuration and a folded storage configuration; and

a first side support bracket attached to a free end of said first floor panel and a second side support bracket attached to a free end of said second floor panel for supporting said first and second floor panels, respectively, atop the side rails of the truck when said first and second floor panels are at said extended configuration;

a center floor panel situated intermediate said first and second floor panels for displacing said first and second floor panels from one another and defining a horizontal axis, said first and second floor panels being pivotally coupled to said center floor panel and movable about said horizontal axis;

a center front panel connected to said center floor panel and extending upwardly therefrom so as to define a vertical axis; and

first and second front panels pivotally coupled to said center front panel for separately operable movement about said vertical axis between front panel extended and storage configurations.

2. (canceled)

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1 3. (canceled)

1 4. (currently amended) The dog kennel as in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1 further comprising:
2 a first floor panel fastener slidably mounted to said first floor panel for releasably engaging
3 said center floor panel when said first floor panel is at said extended configuration;
4 and
5 a second floor panel fastener slidably mounted to said second floor panel for releasably
6 engaging said center floor panel when said second floor panel is at said extended
7 configuration, whereby said first and second floor panel fasteners selectively hold
8 said first and second floor panels at said extended configuration.

1 5. (currently amended) The dog kennel as in ~~claim 3~~ claim 1 further comprising first
2 and second front panel fasteners coupled to respective floor panels and separately movable
3 between extended configurations engaging respective front panels and retracted configurations
4 displaced from said respective front panels.

1 6. (currently amended) The dog kennel as in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1 wherein said first and
2 second front panels each define a door opening; and
3 said dog kennel further comprising a pair of door coverings mounted to respective first and
4 second front panels for covering said door openings.

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1 7. (original) The dog kennel as in claim 6 wherein each respective door covering is a
2 folding-gate door movable between open and closed configurations.

1 8. (original) The dog kennel as in claim 6 wherein each respective door covering is a
2 wire grate door that is pivotally movable between open and closed configurations.

1 9. (currently amended) The dog kennel as in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1 further comprising a
2 partition coupled to said center floor panel, whereby to define separate interior kennel spaces.

1 10. (original) The dog kennel as in claim 1 further comprising a partition pivotally
2 coupled to a respective floor panel and selectively movable between vertical and horizontal
3 configurations.

1 11. (currently amended) The dog kennel as in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1 further comprising:
2 a center back panel connected to said center floor panel opposite said center front panel
3 and extending upwardly therefrom; and
4 first and second back panels coupled to said center back panel, said first and second back
5 panels having configurations substantially similar to configurations of said first and
6 second front panels, respectively.

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1 12. (original) A dog kennel for use with a truck cap mounted atop a pickup truck bed
2 having a pair of opposed side rails, said dog kennel comprising:
3 a frame structure having a center floor panel defining a horizontal axis and a center front
4 panel extending upwardly from said center floor panel defining a vertical axis;
5 a first floor panel and a second floor panel pivotally coupled to opposed edges of said
6 center floor panel for movement about said horizontal axis between a planar
7 extended configuration and a folded storage configuration;
8 a first side support bracket connected to said first floor panel and a second side support
9 bracket connected to said second floor panel for supporting said first and second
10 floor panels, respectively, atop the side rails of the truck when said first and second
11 floor panels are at said extended configuration;
12 a first front panel and a second front panel pivotally coupled to opposed edges of said
13 center front panel for separately operable movement about said vertical axis between
14 front panel planar extended and folded storage configurations.

1 13. (original) The dog kennel as in claim 12 further comprising first and second floor
2 panel fasteners mounted to first and second floor panels, respectively, said first and second floor
3 panel fasteners being separately movable between locked configurations extending from said
4 respective floor panels and released configurations retracted within said respective floor panels,
5 said first and second floor panel fasteners being separately movable to said locked configurations
6 for receipt into complementary receptacles defined by said center floor panel, whereby to
7 releasably hold said first and second floor panels at said extended configuration.

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1 14. (original) The dog kennel as in claim 12 further comprising first and second front
2 panel fasteners coupled to respective floor panels and separately movable between extended
3 configurations engaging respective front panels and retracted configurations displaced from said
4 respective front panels.

1 15. (original) The dog kennel as in claim 12 wherein said first and second front
2 panels each define a door opening; and
3 said dog kennel further comprising a pair of door coverings mounted to respective first and
4 second front panels for covering said door openings.

1 16. (original) The dog kennel as in claim 15 wherein each door covering is a folding-
2 gate door movable between open and closed configurations.

1 17. (original) The dog kennel as in claim 15 wherein said door covering is a wire
2 grate door that is selectively movable between open and closed configurations.

1 18. (original) The dog kennel as in claim 15 wherein each of said pair of door
2 coverings is movable between open and closed configurations; and
3 said dog kennel further comprising means connected to said pair of door coverings for
4 selectively moving said each of said door coverings between said open and closed
5 configurations from a position remote from said door coverings.

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1 19. (original) The dog kennel as in claim 12 further comprising a partition coupled to
2 said center floor panel, whereby to define separate interior kennel spaces.

1 20. (original) The dog kennel as in claim 12 further comprising:
2 a center back panel connected to said center floor panel opposite said center front panel
3 and extending upwardly therefrom; and
4 first and second back panels coupled to said center back panel, said first and second back
5 panels having configurations substantially similar to configurations of said first and
6 second front panels, respectively.

1 21. (newly added) A dog kennel for use with a truck cap mounted atop a pickup
2 truck bed having a pair of opposed side rails, said dog kennel comprising:
3 a first floor panel connected to a second floor panel for pivotal movement relative thereto,
4 said first and second floor panels being movable between a planar extended
5 configuration and a folded storage configuration;
6 a first side support bracket attached to a free end of said first floor panel and a second side
7 support bracket attached to a free end of said second floor panel for supporting said
8 first and second floor panels, respectively, atop the side rails of the truck when said
9 first and second floor panels are at said extended configuration; and
10 a partition pivotally coupled to a respective floor panel and selectively movable between
11 vertical and horizontal configurations;.